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John Jervis, Chairperson, representing Kenneth Cory,  
State Controller  
Leo T. McCarthy, Lieutenant Governor  
Nancy Ordway, representing Michael Franchetti,  
Director of Finance

STAFF PRESENT

Claire T. Dedrick, Executive Officer  
James F. Trout, Assistant Executive Officer  
Robert C. Hight, Chief Counsel  
N. Gregory Taylor, Assistant Attorney General  
Jan Stevens, Deputy Attorney General  
Curtis Fossum, Staff Counsel  
Don Everitts  
Moose Thompson  
Jane Smith, Secretary

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Marc Borgman, Chairman  
Isla Vista Municipal Advisory  
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Member, Isla Vista Community

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3 CHAIRPERSON JERVIS: There is a quorum present,  
4 so we'll get underway.

5 Minutes of the last meeting. Anyone had a chance  
6 to observe those? They're the Minutes of the April 28th  
7 meeting of this year. Without objection, they're adopted.

8 The Report of the Executive Officer and the  
9 Report of the BCDC Commission will be submitted.

10 EXECUTIVE OFFICER DEDRICK: You have them before  
11 you in writing. Unless you care to discuss it, I don't  
12 think there's anything new.

13 CHAIRPERSON JERVIS: Any discussion on those?

14 EXECUTIVE OFFICER DEDRICK: Mr. Chairman, Items  
15 C1(G) and C7 are off the Consent Calendar.

16 CHAIRPERSON JERVIS: This is the Consent Calendar,  
17 Items C1 through C12 minus C7 and C1(G). Is there anyone  
18 in the audience who cares to address any of the issues in  
19 the Consent Calendar, C1 through 12, minus those two items?  
20 Any discussion?

21 Without objection, they'll be approved.

22 Now the Regular Calendar. Item 13, Stenberg  
23 Enterprises. Anyone in the audience who cares to address  
24 Item 13, Stenberg Enterprises? Discussion?

25 Without objection, it will be approved.

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1 Item 14, Simpro Lands. Anyone on this issue?  
2 Discussion? Debate? Questions? No objections.

3 Item 15, Sierra Pacific Industries. Anyone  
4 on the issue? Discussion?

5 Item 15 approved, no objection.

6 Item 16, Louisiana Pacific Corporation. Anyone  
7 on this issue? Discussion? Debate?

8 Without objection, it's approved.

9 Item 17, Charles E. Slusher. Anyone on the  
10 issue? Objection?

11 Without objection, it's approved.

12 Item 18, Wetsel-Oviatt Lumber Company. Anyone  
13 on this issue? Discussion? Debate?

14 Without objection.

15 Item 19, CGG American Services. Anyone on this  
16 issue?

17 Without objection.

18 Item 20, Central Marin Sanitation Agency. Anyone  
19 on this item?

20 Without objection, it's approved.

21 Item 21, City of Petaluma. Anyone on the issue?

22 Without objection, it's approved.

23 Item 22, East Bay MUD. Anyone on the issue?

24 Without objection, it's approved.

25 Item 23, Chevron USA. Anyone on the issue?

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Question?

2 Without objection.

3 Item 24, City of Long Beach, modification of  
4 the Plan of Development and Operations and Budget.

5 Anyone on the issue?

6 Without objection, it's approved.

7 Item 25, Aminoil; authorizing the Executive  
8 Officer to execute a release to Aminoil. Anyone on the  
9 issue? Not even the Executive Officer?

10 EXECUTIVE OFFICER DEDRICK: I'd be glad to  
11 explain it if you'd like.

12 CHAIRPERSON JERVIS: Do you want an explanation?

13 COMMISSIONER ORDWAY: I've read the material.

14 CHAIRPERSON JERVIS: Without objection, it's  
15 approved.

16 Item 26, the Lands Commission; Department of  
17 Fish and Game; Orange County; Signal Bolsa; Signal Landmark.  
18 Anyone on this issue? Any discussion?

19 COMMISSIONER McCARTHY: Is there any reason we  
20 have to assume that anybody is opposing this --

21 EXECUTIVE OFFICER DEDRICK: No.

22 COMMISSIONER McCARTHY: -- that hasn't heard  
23 about this?

24 EXECUTIVE OFFICER DEDRICK: Not to my knowledge.  
25 We have had no comments at all. It's just an extension

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4  
1 of an agreement that the Commission has had for several  
2 years. Greg's been the attorney on it.

3 MR. TAYLOR: This is to protect the State's  
4 position and primarily Fish and Game's position from  
5 allowing the 230 acres to go back to Signal while continued  
6 studies are made on the project. It was a very hard  
7 fought-for right as far as the State is concerned and it  
8 does preserve the status quo for three more years.

9 CHAIRPERSON JERVIS: Without objection, the  
10 extension is approved.

11 Item 27, City of Napa and Napa County LAFCO.  
12 Anyone on the issue?

13 Any discussion?

14 Without objection, it's approved.

15 Item 28, Isla Vista Municipal Advisory Council.  
16 We have a group here from Isla Vista who would like to be  
17 heard on the issue. Please come on up.

18 Why don't you identify yourself for the record.

19 MR. BORGMAN: Good afternoon. My name is  
20 Marc Borgman, Chair of the Isla Vista Municipal Advisory  
21 Council.

22 We agree with the Staff's boundary description  
23 that's in your report and appreciate the Staff's assistance  
24 that they've given on this matter.

25 However, in the report they stated that we

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1 gave no evidence or support for annexing the properties  
2 to a proposed City of Isla Vista. And we had assumed that  
3 the situation was the same as in 1975 when we submitted  
4 basically the same boundaries, essentially the same  
5 boundaries. The technical sufficiency was approved at  
6 that time.

7 But we never got a copy of the final approval  
8 that stated it was only technical sufficiency, not approval  
9 of the annexation itself; although the LAFCO Chief  
10 Executive Officer was given a copy of that report. So,  
11 we had assumed that the boundaries themselves were approved  
12 and that there would be no problem this time. We did  
13 submit the entire incorporation packet in 1975; but we  
14 submitted nothing more than the letter this time, assuming  
15 that basically the situation was the same.

16 So, we were somewhat startled last week that the  
17 recommendation was for denial and put together a short  
18 four-and-a-half-minute slide presentation to provide that  
19 information for you today and request that we be allowed  
20 to present that slide show.

21 CHAIRPERSON JERVIS: If you're going to narrate  
22 these slides, why don't you identify yourself for the  
23 record.

24 MR. LODISE: Yes, sir. Carmen Lodise, a  
25 part of the staff of the Isla Vista Municipal Advisory

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1 Council.

2 (Thereupon a slide presentation  
3 accompanied the testimony of  
4 Carmen Lodise.)

5 MR. LODISE: This is the community of Isla Vista  
6 that we see from the offshore. The issue of Isla Vista  
7 becoming a city is essentially a defensive action. One  
8 of the major services that we are concerned about is  
9 planning and land use.

10 While the county and the university had  
11 responsibility for the situation in the 1960's, their  
12 policies led to an extreme overdevelopment of the community  
13 where now we have more people and more cars per square  
14 foot than any other community west of Manhattan. They  
15 did this by creating special student residential zoning  
16 which allowed for fewer setbacks -- and for larger  
17 buildings on smaller lots than anyplace else in the county,  
18 indeed anyplace else in the state. So that now we  
19 have more cars per bedrooms than anyplace else in the  
20 state. The result is we have more people -- a lot of  
21 people, a lot of cars, and a lot of cement.

22 The City of Isla Vista, on the other hand, would  
23 have the resources to begin implementing many of the plans  
24 which we have been accumulating through the years which  
25 would allow for, say, the use of bicycles in town and

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1 other major plans which the county has shown no interest  
2 in assisting us with to date.

3 Another service which we have responsibilities  
4 for are parklands and keeping beaches clean.

5 Since the mid-60's, the County has been receiving  
6 \$75,000 a year from State Resource Code 6817 from  
7 Platform Holly because of a park in Isla Vista. But  
8 they have literally spent none of those funds in Isla  
9 Vista cleaning up the oil on the beaches or developing  
10 parklands.

11 Faced with that situation, Isla Vista residents,  
12 in 1972 formed the Isla Vista Recreation and Park District,  
13 one of the major goals of which was to prevent further  
14 overdevelopment in the community. And in the mid-70's,  
15 we passed an open space bond which has allowed us to become  
16 literally the largest landowner in the community.

17 One of the things we're most proud of is that  
18 we took a vacant lot in the center of town that made the  
19 area rather blighted and turned it into a heavily used  
20 recreational facility, but which has maintained a rural  
21 character.

22 We have also turned over many acres to  
23 refugees from Southeast Asia for subsistence agriculture.

24 The boundaries of the city include the center  
25 part of Isla Vista and the campus, dormitories, and

1 residence halls and a privately-owned dormitory,  
2 Francisco Torres; areas which have been included in the  
3 Isla Vista Community Council election boundaries since  
4 1970. And they also include, of course, Platform Holly  
5 offshore.

6 Through the years there have been ten studies  
7 which have concluded that the financial feasibility of the  
8 City of Isla Vista is viable. Many incongruities  
9 remain today in Isla Vista. But the town has changed  
10 dramatically over the last ten or fifteen years. Some  
11 of the changes include: There are a lot more children  
12 and a lot more senior citizens and also up to a thousand  
13 refugees from the war mentioned earlier, which have been  
14 welcomed into the community and, indeed, Isla Vista  
15 Elementary School has become famous nationally for its  
16 multi-cultural programs.

17 But some things remain the same in Isla Vista.  
18 Over 96.5 percent of the community are renters; 55 percent  
19 are students, but this is down from 75 percent in 1970.  
20 We have a large labor force. Seven thousand of the  
21 community's 17,000 are full-time employed, many in the  
22 factories in Goleta. There's a high rate of turnover of  
23 residents. Average residency is two years versus the  
24 three and a quarter years county-wide. But there's also  
25 a high turnover in property ownership -- 50 percent every

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four years.

The median household income in Isla Vista is less than half of what it is county-wide. However, seven out of eight communities -- that slide's not going to show -- seven out of eight communities or households have a higher percentage receiving public assistance than in Isla Vista.

So, even though people come and go, this accounts for the tremendous consistency through the years that people support established in the City of Isla Vista deal with the problems that we're all faced with.

Two hundred years ago, Thomas Jefferson said that,

"Every person on earth possesses the right of self-government and they receive it with their being from the hand of nature. The constitutions of most of our states assert that all power is inherent in the people and that they may exercise it by themselves in all cases to which they feel themselves competent."

As we're preparing our proposal to submit to the appropriate authorities, we'll find out if Thomas Jefferson's statement still holds in modern California.

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1 Thank you.

2 I would like to give each one of you one of these,  
3 which shows the existing Platform Holly here with the  
4 new platforms which are supposed to be in production  
5 in 1988. There was some confusion earlier today. We  
6 thought that the platform straight off the coast of  
7 Isla Vista which are going to come into production would  
8 be taxed differently than Platform Holly. But I think  
9 that the State Lands Commission has since clarified that  
10 and that there is no difference in the taxation on the  
11 two kinds.

12 EXECUTIVE OFFICER DEDRICK: For your information,  
13 Commissioners, there's a map with a little better scale  
14 of the proposed area.

15 MR. LODISE: Excuse me?

16 EXECUTIVE OFFICER DEDRICK: I was just pointing  
17 out to the Commission.

18 MR. LODISE: The other thing that we would like  
19 to point out that's in the staff report is that it says  
20 that this would not be in the State's interest.

21 And, as we discuss it with them, certainly the State has  
22 a broader interest than just what is under the concern  
23 of the State Lands Commission.

24 We feel that the City of Isla Vista will begin  
25 to do the remedial operations and work necessary to make

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1 it a better community; things that should have been done  
2 in the past which we just have not had the control and  
3 the revenue to do.

4 Certainly it is in the State's interest to look  
5 back over the years and see if there's a way to correct  
6 the situation which resulted essentially from State  
7 policies ten and twenty years ago. And we feel that the  
8 additional --

9 We live with the large oil seat off the coast  
10 that you all are familiar with.

11 We live with the visual impact every day. And  
12 it seems like we should share appropriately in the  
13 revenues.

14 I'd just like to remind you again that there  
15 is no impact on revenues as a result of this proposal to  
16 the State. So, I don't think that is a consideration  
17 here today.

18 CHAIRPERSON JERVIS: Do we have any questions?

19 MR. LODISE: We have one more comment.

20 CHAIRPERSON JERVIS: Diane, would you give your  
21 name for the record.

22 MS. CONN: Hello. I'm Diane Conn and I'm a  
23 member of the Isla Vista community and I'm very active  
24 in the incorporation and other community issues.

25 I wanted to address the issue that seems to be a

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1 concern of adding another player into the game, as it were,  
2 or here we are requesting an annexation of tidelands.  
3 That infers that if we become a city if our proposal is  
4 approved, then the State will have to work with us as  
5 well as the county on negotiations concerning this lease  
6 area.

7 We'd like to say that we are current and have  
8 been following the process that the county and the state  
9 have been doing and we are supportive of the actions  
10 that have been taken by the county and the state. We  
11 realize the work that it's taken and we appreciate that  
12 very much. And we also understand that there's a lot of  
13 work going into trying to balance the environmental  
14 concerns and balance the revenues.

15 Our intentions for extending the boundaries are  
16 mainly revenues. And although we would like input and  
17 we do have input as a municipal advisory council, we're  
18 mainly interested in cooperating; because we feel that  
19 all our intentions are the same.

20 We feel that, if this is the main concern, that  
21 there should be some way to remedy this. We understand  
22 that at one time Santa Barbara -- there was a problem with  
23 Santa Barbara where the city made an ordinance saying  
24 that there would be no drilling in the sanctuary after  
25 the State Lands had already made it and then the State

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1 Lands found that to be questionable. And then there was  
2 something drawn up by the City Attorney that withdrew that  
3 or negated that in some way so that the State Lands  
4 Commission would maintain its authority.

5 We understand the State Lands does maintain its  
6 authority. And our main interest, as we say, is the  
7 revenues and as an advisory body so that we may all  
8 cooperate in deciding what happens off the coast; but that  
9 we're not interested in being an obstruction coming into the  
10 process -- more as problem solvers and not as problem makers.  
11 So, now we're ready to take questions.

12 CHAIRPERSON JERVIS: Is what you're saying is it's  
13 not feasible, fiscally prudent or even possible to  
14 incorporate a city there that does not go out into the  
15 oil field?

16 MR. LODISE: I've been stuck with talking about  
17 finances.

18 That's why we showed you the back of this,  
19 Mr. Jervis. Yes, we do break even without the tidelands  
20 right at the moment. And with revenue sharing at  
21 Platform Holly, we have a very significant surplus.

22 But we're just not any ordinary community or  
23 city. We have to show to LAFCO to get by that we have a  
24 significant surplus in order to relieve that concern.  
25 This would ensure the city that it would be viable not only

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1 in the short run with just Holly, but the two new ones  
2 coming in that we have to put up with that it would make  
3 it financially viable in the long run. It would remove  
4 finances as a question entirely from the deliberations  
5 in that Santa Barbara County LAFCO. And that's really  
6 what we are most interested in is removing it as an issue  
7 and let them contemplate some other things if there are  
8 some other things.

9 MS. CONN: Another issue in that is that we  
10 are suffering the impacts of the platforms and of the  
11 drilling and the county really isn't taking any measures  
12 to mitigate those impacts. And we have not been successful  
13 with them. We want to clean the beaches up and we  
14 want to have that contribute to the community since we  
15 are receiving those impacts.

16 CHAIRPERSON JERVIS: Well, there's a number of  
17 cities in California that are asking the Controller how  
18 feasible it is to go out of business. Maybe you could  
19 buy one of those franchises and move the franchise there.

20 Why don't we hear from staff if we have no  
21 more questions at this point.

22 MR. TROUT: Mr. Chairman, I think maybe just to  
23 put it in perspective. The diagram they showed on the  
24 slides was perhaps just a little foreshort of the  
25 dimension.

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but the proposed annexation description that's in the calendar is this dotted black line (indicating), which would go out the three miles here and come in here (indicating). The solid or upland area of the City of Isla Vista is this area that we've hatched dark here (indicating). This is, roughly, I believe, 17 percent of the total area and 83 percent is the offshore area.

The description does cut the existing lease 3242 in about two-thirds in the city and one-third out of the city. And it does include the two new strikes covered by ARCO, 308 and 309. ARCO is now proposing to put a processing and production platform on each of these leases.

So, this gives you the overall perspective. And this point over (indicating) is sanctuary and this area (indicating) is generally leased up that way. So, that's the overall aspect.

The City of Santa Barbara incorporation is down in here (indicating). The city boundaries, I think, are about here (indicating). And the city, like Los Angeles, has a finger that comes down and includes the airport, as Los Angeles runs down and picks up the harbor.

So, this is the City of Santa Barbara (indicating), this is the proposed new city (indicating), this is the neighboring area of Goleta (indicating), and this is

1 the proposed annexation.

2 CHAIRPERSON JERVIS: Questions?

3 MR. TAYLOR: Mr. Chairman, as I understand the  
4 staff's recommendation, it hinges on two problems.  
5 One is that this is a period of extensive development  
6 where although the State is in a superior position in terms  
7 of administering its leases, there's a certain amount of  
8 cooperation and coordination with local agencies in the  
9 process of getting any kind of development plans or  
10 expanded development plans going.

11 It's from that standpoint staff is making the  
12 recommendation to you that it would appear to be inappropriate  
13 at this time, due to the substantial expansion of facilities  
14 and the ongoing dialogue with the county, it would be  
15 inappropriate at this time to interrupt that process by  
16 approving this proposal.

17 The other problem is that some administrative  
18 problems would be presented by bisecting of that one lease.

19 So, I think those would be the bases on which  
20 the staff has made its recommendation to you. Those  
21 concerns would have to be weighed against the views that  
22 were expressed here by the other people.

23 CHAIRPERSON JERVIS: Questions on the point?

24 COMMISSIONER ORDWAY: One question.

25 Am I to understand that timing is the primary

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1 issue?

2 EXECUTIVE OFFICER DEDRICK: No, I think that that  
3 is an issue. I think the primary issue is whether or not  
4 it is to the best interests of the State for that  
5 community, if it comes into existence, to annex the tidelands.  
6 And we see no benefit to the State from that action.

7 Part of the things we have to do is tell you when  
8 we think it's benefiting the State and when it's not.  
9 In this instance, we don't think it serves any useful  
10 purpose for the tidelands -- for these lands to be  
11 annexed to a new city.

12 COMMISSIONER McCARTHY: Are there other cities  
13 in Santa Barbara that have a share of the oil?

14 EXECUTIVE OFFICER DEDRICK: Yes.

15 MR. TROUT: Redondo, Newport, for example,  
16 Los Angeles, as well as Long Beach.

17 COMMISSIONER McCARTHY: In Santa Barbara County.

18 EXECUTIVE OFFICER DEDRICK: Huntington Beach.  
19 In Santa Barbara County?

20 CHAIRPERSON JERVIS: In Santa Barbara.

21 MR. TROUT: Carpinteria, I think, perhaps.

22 MR. TAYLOR: Carpinteria does.

23 MR. THOMSON: By grant or otherwise?

24 MR. TAYLOR: No, no, just whether the boundaries  
25 of the city include the -- whether the boundaries of the

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city include the offshore. Many of them do.

CHAIRPERSON JERVIS: In those cases --

EXECUTIVE OFFICER DEDRICK: Some do and some don't.

CHAIRPERSON JERVIS: -- which came first, the city or the oil production?

EXECUTIVE OFFICER DEDRICK: I think both things have occurred.

But I would think the cities were there before the oil production.

MR. TAYLOR: The cities have primarily been there before the oil leasing activity in most instances.

So that when the activity took place, everything was pretty much settled.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER DEDRICK: Well, then in other cases the Legislature has granted the tidelands to the community for actual administration. This would not be the case here. I mean, the administration of leases would remain with the State unless there was a legislative grant of the authority to manage the tidelands from the State to the community.

COMMISSIONER McCARTHY: Where else besides Long Beach is there an administrative authority delegation.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER DEDRICK: Oh, Los Angeles --

MR. THOMPSON: Newport Beach, Redondo,

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1 Santa Monica, Los Angeles.

2 COMMISSIONER McCARTHY: The cities have the  
3 primary administrative responsibility.

4 EXECUTIVE OFFICER DEDRICK: Yes, whenever there's  
5 a granting situation. And that is an awful lot of  
6 communities.

7 COMMISSIONER McCARTHY: In the case of the cities  
8 up and down the coast, including Santa Barbara, that have  
9 shared interests in the oil revenue, are there any other  
10 examples of annexation by a city to pull in?

11 MR. TROUT: The only one --

12 COMMISSIONER McCARTHY: Oil exploration and  
13 drilling areas.

14 MR. TROUT: Governor, the only one I can think  
15 of off the top of my head was the City of Carpinteria,  
16 which annexed out into the tidelands and by virtue of that  
17 annexation picked up the grant that had already been made  
18 by the Legislature to the County of Santa Barbara. That's  
19 the only one I can think of in the last 15 or 19 years.

20 MR. EVERITTS: Well, the City of Huntington  
21 Beach and the City of Seal Beach -- at least they've  
22 got barrel taxes.

23 EXECUTIVE OFFICER DEDRICK: But were they there  
24 before or after?

25 MR. EVERITTS: They were there before.

1 MR. FOSSUM: We have had some history of problems  
2 though. The City of Seal Beach passed an ordinance that  
3 restricted the types of uses that could be made offshore  
4 and it required a lawsuit in which the State Lands  
5 Commission was forced to assert its exclusive jurisdiction  
6 over these lands for the oil production to continue.

7 So, that's an example where a city might, depending  
8 on who is in control of the city government, could bring  
9 an action to try and enjoin or interfere with the State's  
10 operation. Even though the court case upheld the State,  
11 it took several years to bring the case to final result.

12 COMMISSIONER MCCARTHY: I'm not sure whether what's  
13 being requested here makes sense on other grounds yet and  
14 I'm still trying to understand the facts here.

15 Isn't it possible that we could enter into a  
16 contract with the City of Isla Vista if it does become a  
17 city so that if they did engage in any improper uses --  
18 once the grant is given, it's absolute?

19 MR. TAYLOR: I think we need to clarify a couple  
20 things, Governor.

21 First of all, no grants of this lands to the  
22 proposed city is being contemplated. All that's before  
23 the Commission now is to approve the boundaries and to  
24 determine if the Commission is in favor of formation of  
25 the city.

1 The State Lands Commission has two roles --  
2 approval of boundaries. And it can go thumbs up or down  
3 on whether or not the area is included.

4 A grant such as was made to Long Beach, for  
5 example, which is the largest oil, was made in 1911 before  
6 the discovery of oil. And to my knowledge, there has never  
7 been a grant to a local agency where there was substantial  
8 production of oil since the discovery of oil.

9 So, I think that the issue of whether or not  
10 there's going to be a grant has never been approved by  
11 the Legislature since that time.

12 What the city is hoping to acquire by the  
13 addition of this area is the right to pick up certain  
14 taxes which would be payable by virtue of their being  
15 within the incorporated boundaries.

16 COMMISSIONER MCCARTHY: I was just trying to see  
17 if there was an answer to the point just made that the  
18 city could somehow limit oil production, place obstacles  
19 in the way of oil production. Is that --

20 MR. FOSSUM: We don't feel they can do it,  
21 but they could certainly bring a lawsuit attempting to  
22 slow up the production or the beginning of the platforms'  
23 construction. The possibility is simply that it would be  
24 another entity that we would have to deal with in a  
25 manner that we've been doing with the county.

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1 We've been negotiating with the county as to their concerns  
2 and our concerns and we've had an ongoing dialogue with  
3 them. Now, what we may have --

4 COMMISSIONER McCARTHY: That's a happy  
5 relationship.

6 (Laughter.)

7 MR. FOSSUM: Well, it may not be, but the main  
8 thing is at least we have a dialogue there.

9 If Isla Vista proposes to go to an election, say,  
10 next year, a year down the road from now, and they elect  
11 a new city council and mayor or whatever, we don't know  
12 what they will think. And whether or not they can tie  
13 us to a -- you know, the Municipal Advisory Council can  
14 in any way agree to anything now that will bind their  
15 city council, I think there's serious doubts as to what  
16 they could agree to in that regard. The city council  
17 will be the one that makes the decision and not necessarily  
18 the proponents of the incorporation.

19 CHAIRPERSON JERVIS: It would be an interesting  
20 experiment if the backers of the incorporation were to seek  
21 and be successful in getting a legislative grant for the  
22 lands which puts you in a position of not getting tax  
23 revenues from this production, but actually being the  
24 operator of the field itself.

25 It would be an interesting experiment to see how

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1 the people of Isla Vista would run the operation. You  
2 don't think you would have any dissident groups suing  
3 you over your production, do you? You think you would?

4 MR. TAYLOR: Could I be clear for the record.

5 We feel that we have preempted the field with  
6 regard to the regulation of production of oil and gas  
7 from State-owned lands. The problem arises in that it's  
8 the policy of the Lands Commission to cooperate with  
9 local agencies as much as possible in developing plans.  
10 And, of course, there are things which take place in the  
11 offshore which relate to the onshore. With regard to  
12 working out all those relationships, there is quite a bit  
13 of give and take.

14 If a city was to try to impose an invalid tax  
15 or restrict production or do other things, we have in the  
16 past been involved in litigation to square that question  
17 away.

18 I guess the problem is really one of a more  
19 informal one and that is how smoothly will the development  
20 go ahead. In this particular area, this is an area of  
21 a great deal of activity at the present time where there's  
22 a considerable amount of work built up with the county  
23 irrespective of how the county relations go, at least with  
24 regard to how this development would go.

25 I believe that is where the staff is coming from

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1 in that those discussions have gone with the county quite  
2 a ways, and this would be an interruption in that process.

3 COMMISSIONER MCCARTHY: Does it come down to  
4 this: Right now we don't have to share the revenues with  
5 anybody else?

6 MR. TAYLOR: If you were to approve this, we  
7 wouldn't have to share them with anyone else except that  
8 to the extent of subventions, the City of -- proposed  
9 City of Isla Vista would take the subvention as opposed  
10 to the county. Based upon your mileage of ocean frontage  
11 offsetting state leases, counties or cities get a  
12 subvention from the state. I don't know what the amount  
13 of money is. I think it's a maximum of \$75,000.

14 MR. TROUT: It's a percentage up to \$75,000.

15 EXECUTIVE OFFICER DEDRICK: Currently there are  
16 two bills moving through the Legislature, as you're  
17 probably aware, that would either -- would in some way  
18 increase the amount of subvention that goes to cities  
19 offsetting state leases.

20 CHAIRPERSON JERVIS: So, this money --

21 EXECUTIVE OFFICER DEDRICK: There could be a  
22 substantial amount of revenue.

23 CHAIRPERSON JERVIS: So, this money would shift  
24 from Santa Barbara County to the City of Isla Vista.

25 EXECUTIVE OFFICER DEDRICK: That's right.

1 CHAIRPERSON JERVIS: How do you think that's  
2 going to let you fare before LARCO? I'm asking that to  
3 the group here.

4 MR. LODISE: We take those one step at a time.  
5 We need approval here.

6 EXECUTIVE OFFICER DEDRICK: Just as a point of  
7 information, one other thing that we haven't mentioned  
8 is that in the legislative grants, as far as anybody at  
9 this table can remember -- and there's a lot more memory  
10 there than there is here -- the state has always retained  
11 mineral rights in the grants.

12 MR. TROUT: In recent grants.

13 EXECUTIVE OFFICER DEDRICK: Within the last twenty-  
14 odd years.

15 CHAIRPERSON JERVIS: Mr. Borgman, do you have  
16 something you'd like to add?

17 MR. BORGMAN: Yes. We are not asking for a grant  
18 or any legislative or administrative authority here. We  
19 just would like approval of the boundaries.

20 It appears that the major complaint that staff  
21 has is that there's the possibility that we might cause  
22 trouble in the future. And they said that that's not in  
23 the state's best interests.

24 I would like to submit that the state's interest  
25 should be much larger than the possibility of future

1 inconvenience.

2 We've been aware of these developments for quite  
3 some time. We haven't, to my knowledge -- I've been  
4 Chair of the Council for two years. I don't believe we've  
5 made any comments whatsoever about these oil developments.  
6 We have been trusting the county and the State Lands  
7 Commission to be fairly environmentally conscious.

8 What we would like is the boundaries approved  
9 for technical sufficiency and approved in concept of  
10 annexation of these properties to the proposed City  
11 of Isla Vista.

12 CHAIRPERSON JERVIS: Why is it that you chose  
13 to cut that lease in half, or roughly half? What is the  
14 situation there?

15 MR. BORGMAN: There is some movement in Goleta  
16 to incorporate as a city and we felt it only fair not to  
17 take the whole thing. So, we just --

18 MR. TAYLOR: The statute also requires that the  
19 boundary be drawn at right angles to the shore.

20 MR. BORGMAN: Perpendicular.

21 MR. TAYLOR: So, in order to include the whole  
22 lease, they would have had to expand the size of the city  
23 up to the end of the lease.

24 MR. BORGMAN: The line is drawn perpendicular  
25 right from the immediate shore.

1 MR. TROUT: Mr. Chairman, it does present a  
2 technical problem in that there would be ad valorem taxes  
3 due on that lease. And how those taxes would be split  
4 between the county and the city would, I think, while not  
5 impossible, would be a kind of a difficult thing in terms  
6 of determining where the resources are.

7 That is the one problem we have with cutting  
8 that lease in thirds.

9 MR. BORGMAN: Even though we've taken two-thirds  
10 of it, we've estimated in our budget analysis only half  
11 of the revenues; not two-thirds of the taxes.

12 MR. LODISE: Also, we've had a point of clarifica-  
13 tion of that through the LAFCO and Santa Barbara attorneys  
14 that whereas there's some technical problems drawn in the  
15 line across there, it's a technical problem and not a  
16 legal problem and that the local assessor could do that  
17 if it's so instructed by the Board of Supervisors.

18 EXECUTIVE OFFICER DEDRICK: Yes, it's the  
19 situation that's not as complex, but of the same general  
20 order that we have in Long Beach with the equity question --  
21 under whose annexed land is the oil coming from?  
22 I lost a participle or something. But, anyway, the point  
23 is how the dickens do you figure out whose percentage is  
24 what. You can get an awful lot of litigation out of that  
25 discussion. And we do. We have exactly those kinds of

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problems on an ongoing basis.

MR. BORGMAN: Isn't Long Beach, though, a different situation from what we're proposing?

EXECUTIVE OFFICER DEDRICK: Well, I think whenever you split an oil field, whether you split it among owners or among political bodies, you've got the basis for a lot of litigation; because a dollar out of one pocket is a dollar in somebody else's pocket. And that's a factor too and people care.

CHAIRPERSON JERVIS: Okay, Anything further, Ms. Dedrick, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Hight, from the proponents?

Do I hear further discussion from the members of the Lands Commission?

COMMISSIONER ORDWAY: One final question,

If that annexation is not included, would you still seek LAFCO's approval to incorporate?

MR. BORGMAN: We'll try. It makes it more difficult in terms of financial feasibility.

COMMISSIONER ORDWAY: Do they have a minimum percentage requirement of surplus?

MR. BORGMAN: Not that I know of.

COMMISSIONER ORDWAY: They just have a solvency requirement.

MR. BORGMAN: They make some kind of analysis and decide. A lot of it is just on political ground.

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1 MR. FOSSUM: It's always possible to annex at  
2 a later time.

3 EXECUTIVE OFFICER DEDRICK: That's correct

4 MR. FOSSUM: The staff -- our current problems  
5 might not exist once these platforms are in or it's under  
6 production. It's just possible that -- what we're saying  
7 is that --

8 EXECUTIVE OFFICER DEDRICK: Well, any action  
9 you take today in not approving it, you're not committed  
10 to forever. If you approve it, you're committed to it  
11 forever.

12 CHAIRPERSON JERVIS: Do I hear a motion from  
13 anyone?

14 COMMISSIONER MCCARTHY: I don't think you've  
15 got the votes. I think your best decision today is  
16 going to be a disapproval without prejudice. So, you can  
17 come back and make the fight for another day after LAFCO.  
18 You haven't got the votes for approval on this Commission.

19 CHAIRPERSON JERVIS: Yes.

20 MS. CONN: Could that "not without prejudice"  
21 include instructions to staff to work with the proponents  
22 to work out the problems that they see so that somehow  
23 we can reach a more feasible program?

24 CHAIRPERSON JERVIS: Sure, we can make that  
25 recommendation.

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1 EXECUTIVE OFFICER DEDRICK: Perhaps I misunder-  
2 stood. Governor, I thought you were saying that we would  
3 not expect them back until after LAFCO has acted in  
4 Santa Barbara County.

5 CHAIRPERSON JERVIS: Is that going to be fairly  
6 soon?

7 MR. TAYLOR: No.

8 COMMISSIONER McCARTHY: Are you appearing  
9 before LAFCO soon?

10 MR. BORGMAN: This fall.

11 MR. TAYLOR: They cannot appear before LAFCO  
12 with regard to the offshore area without first obtaining  
13 the approval of at least the boundary description from the  
14 Lands Commission.

15 COMMISSIONER McCARTHY: So, the basic issue  
16 of incorporation, isn't it?

17 MR. LODISE: That's true.

18 What we need to appear before LAFCO is, in fact,  
19 that you agree that the technical description of the  
20 offshore boundaries is correct. That's what happened in  
21 1975 that LAFCO got the report from you that our offshore  
22 boundaries were technically correct and they proceeded  
23 with the LAFCO proceedings.

24 COMMISSIONER McCARTHY: Totally apart from this  
25 issue before us, don't you have to appear before LAFCO

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1 to become incorporated?

2 MR. LODISE: Yes.

3 COMMISSIONER McCARTHY: Isn't that what you're  
4 before LAFCO right now on?

5 And this issue is ancillary to that issue,  
6 because it would help you look better fiscally?

7 MS. CONN: Well, it's required.

8 EXECUTIVE OFFICER DEDRICK: Only if they're  
9 going to include the area.

10 COMMISSIONER McCARTHY: I appreciate that.

11 MR. BORGMAN: Before they accept our petition  
12 and our proposal, they need approval of boundaries offshore  
13 if we include them. So, we can't go before LAFCO until  
14 something happens here first.

15 COMMISSIONER McCARTHY: If you don't get approval  
16 here, you submit to LAFCO your existing boundaries without  
17 this; is that correct?

18 CHAIRPERSON JERVIS: Land-based city.

19 MR. BORGMAN: I guess so.

20 MR. LODISE: Except that we've already got most  
21 of our 3,000 signatures required with this, because we  
22 thought you had approved this in '75. So, that that's  
23 another problem.

24 COMMISSIONER McCARTHY: You thought this  
25 Commission had approved this?

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MR. LODISE: In '75.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER DEDRICK: This Commission did not.

MR. LODISE: The Commission did not. They only notified LAFCO -- they did not notify us -- that they did not approve annexation. And by notifying LAFCO and LAFCO started the hearings on us. We assumed that the annexation had been approved also since we had not seen a copy of the report. But all that happened in '75 was there was approval of the technical description of the boundaries. However, because you didn't notify us of that, we thought you had approved the whole thing.

MR. TAYLOR: What was done in '75 was the Commission approved the technical sufficiency of the boundaries, reserving the right at a later time to determine whether or not it would approve the annexation or not. And it subsequently informed LAFCO that it would disapprove.

MR. FOSSUM: The thing is that particular procedure, in approving the boundaries but not acting as a landlord and making a decision whether or not you want to be part of a city, causes confusion. So, in this calendar item we've put both of those recommendations together in that you approve the boundaries and annexation or you deny both at the same time so that cities and proponents of cities aren't misled to believe that they

1 already have approval when actually you've only approved  
2 the technical sufficiency of the description of the area.

3 So, we've asked you to either in this calendar  
4 item -- we have proposed that you either deny or approve  
5 both at the same time rather than bifurcating the  
6 process, as Mr. Taylor said. The Commission has both  
7 responsibilities to approve the boundaries and to either  
8 approve or disapprove the annexation as the landowner.

9 CHAIRPERSON JERVIS: Do I hear a motion?

10 I'm not sure we ever answered the question  
11 you raised a moment ago and that was what about working  
12 with the staff.

13 I don't see any reason for you not to work with  
14 the staff. I don't know that that presumes on our part  
15 that you're going to come to some kind of agreement that's  
16 ever going to win the approval of the State Lands  
17 Commission. But we will certainly recommend that the staff  
18 work closely with you.

19 EXECUTIVE OFFICER DEDRICK: I think, Mr. Chairman,  
20 that it will also be necessary, since the county is the  
21 entity that represents the area, that the county's  
22 desires have to be brought into play here too.

23 I don't think that it would be a good thing for  
24 the State Lands Commission to be kind of mediating between  
25 the county and the community as to whether or not this

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1 area should incorporate. I think that's entirely the  
2 local government's, LAFCO's decision. And as your Chief  
3 of Staff, I would not like to find myself in a spot where  
4 somehow or other I'm supposed to balance their interests.  
5 I don't really believe that's your intent, but I wanted  
6 to make it clear.

7 CHAIRPERSON JERVIS: We certainly don't want to  
8 inject ourselves in that situation.

9 EXECUTIVE OFFICER DEDRICK: I didn't think you  
10 would.

11 COMMISSIONER MCCARTHY: Is there clarity on this  
12 point? Do you understand what was just said?

13 In summary, I think this Commission is going to  
14 deny without prejudice to give you a chance to make the  
15 case, assuming you get LAFCO's approval. The case is  
16 yet to be made as far as a majority of this Commission  
17 you're facing.

18 So that there's no misleading of you, I think I  
19 heard the Chairman say he wanted the staff to work more  
20 closely with you. That should not infer that the staff  
21 is close to changing its mind on the issue or that you  
22 have a majority on this Commission. It only says you have  
23 a right as citizens to try to make your case more strongly.  
24 And with the LAFCO approval, you have a leg up.

25 CHAIRPERSON JERVIS: Okay.

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1 MS. CONN: On the basis of what problems is  
2 the Commission not approving the request? What are the  
3 issues the Commission sees as a basis for not approving  
4 the plan?

5 CHAIRPERSON JERVIS: I guess we just don't see  
6 the local support generated for approval at this time.  
7 I mean, if you come back here with LAFCO approval, then  
8 you're going to signal us that a certain segment of  
9 Santa Barbara County thinks this is a feasible idea and  
10 the State Lands Commission should be prepared to deal with  
11 the new City of Isla Vista in addition to Santa Barbara  
12 County. I guess if we see that signal of support, we'll  
13 be more willing to look at a city that's 17 percent  
14 land based and 83 percent water based.

15 EXECUTIVE OFFICER DEDRICK: As a matter of  
16 legality, it is entirely within the discretion of the  
17 Commission as a matter of law.

18 CHAIRPERSON JERVIS: Yes.

19 EXECUTIVE OFFICER DEDRICK: The decision is  
20 entirely within the discretion of the Commission. I've  
21 said that and I'm not your attorney.

22 MR. TAYLOR: I think it's for all of the reasons  
23 that have been discussed. Members of the Commission,  
24 it is required, because of the statute requiring action  
25 by the Commission in 45 days, that you take formal action.

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1 There is a proposed recommendation before you or some  
2 modification of it.

3 But at least there needs to be some affirmative  
4 action today to stop the 45-day statute.

5 CHAIRPERSON JERVIS: I'll entertain a motion on  
6 that then.

7 COMMISSIONER MCCARTHY: Move that we deny without  
8 prejudice.

9 CHAIRPERSON JERVIS: It's been moved that we  
10 deny without prejudice the application process from going  
11 ahead.

12 Any objections?

13 Hearing none, then it's adopted.

14 Now, is there any further business to come before  
15 this Commission at this time?

16 EXECUTIVE OFFICER DEDRICK: No, sir, that's it.

17 CHAIRPERSON JERVIS: Fine.

18 Then we'll stand adjourned.

19 (Thereupon the meeting before the State  
20 Lands Commission was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.)  
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